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Additional information is furnished below on members of the Julius Deutsch Communist Youth group. #

1. Inge Summerauer, active Communist worker and daughter of Julius Deutsch, has now returned to Bolivia. She arrived via Panagra from Sao Paulo on 2 February 1949.
2. Ilse Wittner** has been granted an immigration visa to the United States by the American Consulate in La Paz. She plans to accompany her husband, Bernard Keiler, to the United States, where he will study medicine, perhaps at Harvard. The Keilers intend to arrive in the States in time for the school year beginning September 1949. Mrs. Keiler expects to spend most of her time in California in the personal employ of Mrs. Clara Stockton Armstrong, 508 E. Mendicino Street, Altadena in Los Angeles, California. It is believed that Mrs. Armstrong was a wealthy tourist in Bolivia with whom Mrs. Keiler ingratiated herself in La Paz.
3. Leo Schmidt has obtained an Austrian passport and is able to return to Austria at any time. He has suddenly ceased mentioning his plans to return to Europe and continues to work in Santa Cruz. Schmidt is employed by Jorge Bartos, an active Communist.

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25X1A6a ** [redacted] Comment. Ilse Wittner, an Austrian national and reported Communist agent, returned from Brazil to Bolivia via Buenos Aires sometime after October 1947, and married Bernard Keiler on 15 November 1947. Upon her arrival in Bolivia, she denied that she had ever been in Brazil, although it is known from her correspondence with Keiler that she had been in that country. When she left for Brazil she went without documents or a passport. Therefore, when she left Sao Paulo for Buenos Aires she also left the country illegally. It is not known what papers, if any, she used in Argentina.

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There is no confirmation of charges that Bernard Guttmann Keller is a Communist sympathizer, although he has many friends among Communist circles in La Paz. Among his friends are listed the following Communists:

Werner Sauerbier, son-in-law of Julius Leutsch;

Thomas Lobitscher, Communist sympathizer; and

Juan Nothmann, believed to be identical with the Nothmann who was reported to be one of the organizers of La Tribuna, which was established to distribute Communist propaganda.

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